

Highlands Municipalities — Plan Conformance Petition Status

as of August 2016

Blue = Petition includes whole municipality Green = Petition includes Preservation Area lands only
† Municipality has lands in the Planning Area only — Plan Conformance is voluntary * Municipality is authorized to make determinations regarding certain Highlands Act Exemptions

Bergen County - *pending*

Mahwah Township* – *approved 2010*

Oakland Borough – *approved 2014*

Hunterdon County – *no Petition filed*

Alexandria Township* – *approved 2012*

Bethlehem Township – *approved 2010*

Bloomsbury Borough – *approved 2011*

Califon Borough* – *approved 2010*

Clinton Town – *approved 2011*

Clinton Township* – *approved 2015*

Glen Gardner Borough – *approved 2010*

Hampton Borough – *approved 2010*

High Bridge Borough*† – *approved 2011*

Holland Township – *approved 2011*

Lebanon Borough † – *approved 2010*

Lebanon Township* – *approved 2011*

Milford Borough †

Tewksbury Township – *approved 2011*

Union Township – *pending*

Morris County – *pending*

Boonton Town †

Boonton Township – *approved 2015*

Butler Borough †

Chester Borough † – *approved 2016*

Chester Township* – *approved 2010*

Denville Township – *approved 2011*

Dover †

Hanover Township †

Harding Township †

Jefferson Township* – *approved 2014*

Kinnelon Borough – *approved 2011*

Mendham Borough †

Mendham Township †

Mine Hill Township †

Montville Township* – *approved 2012*

Morris Plains Borough † – *pending*

Morris Township †

Morristown †

Mountain Lakes Borough †

Mount Arlington Borough* – *approved 2011*

Mount Olive Township* – *approved 2011*

Netcong Borough †

Parsippany-Troy Hills Township † - *withdrawn*

Pequannock Township – *pending*

Randolph Township – *approved*

Riverdale Borough †

Rockaway Borough †

Rockaway Township – *approved 2011*

Roxbury Township – *approved 2013*

Victory Gardens Borough †

Washington Township* – *approved 2011*

Wharton Borough † – *approved 2011*

Passaic County – *approved 2010*

Bloomington Borough – *approved 2011*

Pompton Lakes Borough †

Ringwood Borough* – *approved 2011*

Wanaque Borough – *pending*

West Milford Township* – *approved 2011*

Somerset County – *approved 2011*

Bedminster Township – *approved 2011*

Bernards Township †

Bernardsville Borough †

Far Hills Borough † – *pending*

Peapack Gladstone Borough †

Sussex County – *pending*

Byram Township* – *approved 2010*

Franklin Borough †

Green Township – *approved 2011*

Hamburg Borough †

Hardyston Township* – *approved 2011*

Hopatcong Borough* – *approved 2012*

Ogdensburg Borough – *approved 2012*

Sparta Township* – *approved 2011*

Stanhope Borough † – *pending*

Vernon Township* – *approved 2012*

Warren County – *no Petition filed*

Allamuchy Township* – *approved 2011*

Alpha Borough † – *approved 2011*

Belvidere †

Franklin Township* – *approved 2011*

Frelinghuysen Township †

Greenwich Township – *pending*

Hackettstown – *approved 2011*

Harmony Township* – *approved 2012*

Hope Township †

Independence Township – *pending*

Liberty Township – *pending*

Lopatcong Township – *approved 2012*

Mansfield Township – *no Petition filed*

Oxford Township* – *approved 2011*

Phillipsburg † – *approved 2011*

Pohatcong Township* – *approved 2011*

Washington Borough †

Washington Township* – *approved 2011*

White Township – *pending*

Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council

Media Fact Sheet

Highlands Region

- Total area: 859,267 acres (approximately 1,343 square miles).
- Provides drinking water for over 5 million residents of New Jersey.
- Highlands Act, passed in 2004, divided region into Preservation Area and Planning area.
- Approximately 415,000 acres in the Preservation Area.
- Approximately 444,000 acres in the Planning Area.
- Development is more strictly regulated in the Preservation Area than the Planning Area.

Highlands Communities

- 88 municipalities (within 7 counties) have lands within the Highlands Region.
- 47 have lands in both Planning and Preservation Areas.
- 36 have lands only in the Planning Area.
- 5 have lands only within the Preservation Area.

Timeline of Highlands Act and Regional Master Plan

- 1992 – U.S. Forest Service issues a report on the New York and New Jersey Highlands, which serves as an impetus for efforts to protect the natural resources of the New Jersey Highlands.
- 2002 – U.S. Forest Service study is updated, finding an 11 percent increase in population in the New York and New Jersey Highlands Region from 1990 to 2000.
- 2004 – The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act is enacted by the State of New Jersey.
- 2006 – Draft Regional Master Plan released for public comment.
- 2007 – Final Draft of the Regional Master Plan released for public comment.
- 2008 – Regional Master Plan approved by Highlands Council and becomes effective.

Plan Conformance

- Highlands Act requires counties and municipalities to align local master plans and development regulations with the Regional Master Plan for Preservation Area lands.
- Conformance for Planning Area lands is voluntary.

Municipal Petitions and Approvals (As of August 2016)

- 59 municipalities (of 88 total in the Region) are engaged in the Plan Conformance Process (have submitted Petitions for Plan Conformance)
 - 28 of the 59 Petitions submitted include only Preservation Area lands
 - 31 of the 59 Petitions submitted include Planning Area lands (8 of these municipalities have only Planning Area lands)
- 50 municipal Petitions for Plan Conformance have been approved by the Highlands Council.

County Petitions and Approvals (As of August 2016)

- 5 counties (of the 7 in the Region) have submitted Petitions for Plan Conformance, all conforming for Preservation Area lands only.
- 2 county Petitions for Plan Conformance have been approved by the Highlands Council.

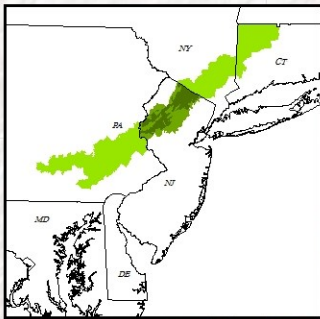


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Highlands Municipalities

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| Alexandria Township, 7B | Liberty Township, 4B |
| Allamuchy Township, 4C | Lopatcong Township, 6A |
| Alpha Borough, 6A | Mahwah Township, 2H |
| Bedminster Township, 6D | Mansfield Township, 5C |
| Belvidere, 5A | Mendham Borough, 5E |
| Bernards Township, 6E | Mendham Township, 5E |
| Bernardsville Borough, 6E | Milford Borough, 7A |
| Bethlehem Township, 6B | Mine Hill Township, 4E |
| Bloomingdale Borough, 3G | Montville Township, 4F |
| Bloomsbury Borough, 6A | Morris Plains Borough, 5F |
| Boonton, 4F | Morris Township, 5E |
| Boonton Township, 4F | Morristown, 5F |
| Butler Borough, 3F | Mount Arlington Borough, 4E |
| Byram Township, 4D | Mount Olive Township, 4D |
| Califon Borough, 6C | Mountain Lakes Borough, 4F |
| Chester Borough, 5D | Netcong Borough, 4D |
| Chester Township, 5D | Oakland Borough, 3G |
| Clinton, 6C | Ogdensburg Borough, 3E |
| Clinton Township, 7C | Oxford Township, 5B |
| Denville Township, 4E | Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, 4F |
| Dover, 4E | Peapack-Gladstone Borough, 6D |
| Far Hills Borough, 6E | Pequannock Township, 4G |
| Franklin Borough, 2E | Phillipsburg, 6A |
| Franklin Township, 6B | Pohatcong Township, 6A |
| Frelinghuysen Township, 4C | Pompton Lakes Borough, 3G |
| Glen Gardner Borough, 6B | Randolph Township, 5E |
| Green Township, 3C | Ringwood Borough, 2G |
| Greenwich Township, 6A | Riverdale Borough, 3G |
| Hackettstown, 5C | Rockaway Borough, 4E |
| Hamburg Borough, 2E | Rockaway Township, 4E |
| Hampton Borough, 6B | Roxbury Township, 4D |
| Hanover Township, 5F | Sparta Township, 3E |
| Harding Township, 6E | Stanhope Borough, 4D |
| Hardyston Township, 2E | Tewksbury Township, 6C |
| Harmony Township, 5A | Union Township, 7B |
| High Bridge Borough, 6C | Vernon Township, 1E |
| Holland Township, 7A | Victory Gardens Borough, 4E |
| Hopatcong Borough, 4D | Wanaque Borough, 3G |
| Hope Township, 4B | Washington Borough, 5B |
| Independence Township, 4C | Washington Township (Warren), 5B |
| Jefferson Township, 3E | Washington Township (Morris), 5C |
| Kinnelon Borough, 3F | West Milford Township, 2F |
| Lebanon Borough, 6C | Wharton Borough, 4E |
| Lebanon Township, 6C | White Township, 5B |

